

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

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Claim 1 (twice amended). Adhesive packaging tape comprising a backing comprising an oriented thermoplastic film and a coating comprising a solventlessly prepared pressure-sensitive adhesive composition based on non-thermoplastic elastomers wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive composition comprises a thermally labile crosslinking system, wherein the adhesive composition comprises a mixture of:

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- a) 100 parts by weight of natural rubber
  - b) 70-120 parts by weight of tackifying resins based on hydrocarbons
  - c) 5-30 parts by weight of fillers
  - d) 2-20 parts by weight of plasticizers
  - e) 0.1-15 parts by weight of a crosslinker system
  - f) 0.5-5 parts by weight of ageing inhibitors.
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#### REMARKS

This is in response to the official action dated December 13, 2001.

Reconsideration in view of the following is respectfully requested. A request for a three month extension of the term is enclosed.

Applicant hereby elects without traverse, Group I, covering claims 1-9, 13 and 14.

Claims 10 and 15-16 are canceled as being drawn to a non-elected group.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 3, where is hereby canceled.

In addition, claim 1 is amended to make clear that the tape is an adhesive *packaging* tape. Support is found at page 6, lines 8-10.